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National Park of American Samoa America's Best Idea: [National Park Getaway](#)

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa – The lush cliffs of Ta'u, one of a trio of islands on which the National Park of American Samoa is located, slope downward toward sapphire water. Thanks to the rainforest that covers the cliffs, they have the texture as well as the color of moss. Sunlight and shadows play on the cliff-sides, giving their green hue yellow undertones in some places, blue undertones in others. At the foot of these heights, surf gently crashes on a rocky shore, along which hikers carefully make their way.

This idyllic scene is just one of many ravishing landscapes – and seascapes – that greet a visitor to the National Park of American Samoa, the destination spotlighted this week by the National Park Getaway series of travel articles on www.nps.gov/getaways. The park boasts exotic plants and animals. It introduces visitors to Samoan culture and offers them relaxing and exciting activities.

Find out more about the National Park of American Samoa by reading this week's [Getaway](#), then vicariously visit some of the previous destinations in the series by plumbing the Getaway archive at <http://www.nps.gov/getaways/previousgetaways/index.html>.

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